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NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES,

ODH, CENTRAL PROVINCES, CENTRAL INDIA AND RAJPUTANA.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The *Oudh Akhbar* (Lucknow), of the 23rd December,

Circulation,
605 copies.

Lord Dufferin and the states that, if Lord Dufferin wishes government of India.

his administration to be successful, his Lordship cannot do better than follow in the footsteps of Lord William Bentinck, Lord Canning, and Lord Ripon. The maintenance of uninterrupted peace is the sine qua non of all progress. No pains should be spared to encourage and improve agriculture, which is the principal industry of the country. But it should be borne in mind that no material improvement is possible until the district officers are induced to take interest in it. It would be a good thing if agriculture were included in the subjects fixed for the Civil Service Examination, as has been suggested in some quarters. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the new Viceroy fully sympathizes with the local self-government scheme. Lord Ripon elevated natives to High Court and District Judgeships, and it is to be hoped that Lord Dufferin will pursue the same policy. Natives should be also encouraged to posts of trust and

responsibility in other Departments, such as the Education, the Police, the Opium, the Public Works, the State Railway, &c. Private enterprise should be encouraged as much as possible. The encouragement of education also claims attention. The Afghan policy of the late Viceroy was highly successful. There is reason to think that Lord Dufferin, who is well versed in Russian politics, will be able to solve the Central Asian difficulty. The King of Burmah has often committed great cruelties, and his relations with the Government of India are not satisfactory. It is time that he should be made to mend his ways.

Circulation,
600 copies.

The *Hindustan* (Lucknow), of the 19th December, regrets to state that Sir Alfred Lyall's Government is in no small degree respon-

sible for the present unsatisfactory state of things in Balrampur. Evidently Bishwanath Singh, Raghudat Singh's grandson, who is a very near relative of the late Maharaja, and who performed his funeral ceremonies, had the best claim to the *gaddi*, and the younger Maharani was in his favour. The Senior Maharani, too, could have had no reasonable objection to his adoption, but acting under evil advice she selected another boy. The Lieutenant-Governor should have interfered and brought pressure to bear upon her to adopt the right person. In consideration of the well-known loyalty and friendship of the late Maharaja to the paramount power, His Honor would do well to interfere even at this late hour and amicably settle the dispute between the two Maharanis in order to save the State from ruin.

Circulation,
400 copies.

The *Rashtq-i-Hind* (Lahore), of the 20th December, regrets to observe that some native journals find fault with the jury which acquitted the European soldiers who had shot a native at Multan, and urge the appointment of mixed juries in such cases. They are mistaken and seem to possess little knowledge of the world. It appears that the soldiers fired several shots, while they succeeded in killing

Acquittal of the European soldiers who shot a native at Multan.

only one native. Hence the heirs of the deceased should congratulate themselves on their non-prosecution by the Military authorities for the waste of a great deal of Government ammunition and the trouble to which the soldiers were exposed by shooting at midnight.

The *Astáb-i-Panjáb* (Lahore), of the 15th December, adverting to the acquittal by the Lahore Chief Court of the European soldier

Circulation,
500 copies.

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who was charged with having shot a native at Multán, observes that, unpalatable as the just comments of the native press on such cases are to Europeans, the *Astáb* cannot refrain from condemning the failure of justice that has taken place. The unsatisfactory judgments delivered by European Judges in mixed cases are a dark stain on the fair fame of the British Government in this country. The Chief Court being the supreme tribunal in the province, its faulty decisions are most injurious to British reputation for justice. If the deceased was not shot by the accused, he must have been shot by either of the two companions of the latter. The real culprit must have been found out and brought to justice. In commenting upon the case the *Civil and Military Gazette* has contented itself with protesting against the practice of allowing ammunition to be always accessible to soldiers, but has said nothing as to the flagrant miscarriage of justice.

The *Victoria Paper* (Siálkot), of the 15th December, states that a native offender is liable to transportation for life, while the longest term to which a European can be sentenced is ten years. Such an invidious distinction is unjust and opposed to Her Majesty's proclamation of 1858.

Circulation,
910 copies.

The *Akhbár-i-Ám* (Lahore), of the 20th December, referring to the recent acquittal of some gamblers at Lahore on the ground that the Act under which they were liable to punishment, and which was passed eighteen years ago, was published only

Circulation,
1,830 copies.

once in the *Panjab Government Gazette* and not thrice, as it ought to have been, remarks that hence it is evident that all the convictions which were hitherto made under that Act in the Panjab were quite illegal, and that the convicts are entitled to a refund of their fines, and those among them, who underwent incarceration, to compensation.

Circulation,
300 copies.

The *Dabdaba-i-Qaisari* (Bareilly), of the 20th December, regrets to state that the text-books used in the higher classes at the Zila School at Bareilly have lately been changed. The change at this time of the year is most unfortunate, as the yearly examinations will be held three months hence, and it is impossible that the students will be able to get up their new books well in so short a time. It is generally believed that the late Director of Public Instruction introduced the new books before laying down the reins of office simply in order to benefit the authors.

Circulation,
102 copies.

The *Almora Akbār*, of the 15th December, regrets to state that some Anglo-Indians, having an undue pride of race, do not treat natives properly. Sometimes they commit most high-handed and arbitrary acts which create wide-spread discontent, and the worst of it is that they escape punishment. One Tate, who was employed at the Railway Station at Cawnpore, killed a native, but was let off with a fine of Rs. 200. Some offenders should be made an example of to check the frequent occurrence of such cases, otherwise serious consequences are sure to follow some day.

The same paper briefly describes the circumstances under which a European indigo-planter is alleged to have lately committed a rape on a young native girl at Bhawānipur, Makandābād, and hopes that he will be severely punished. The judges should always remember the judgment-day and dispense justice with impartiality.

A correspondent of the *Mirata-t-Hind* (Lucknow), for
 Need for moral training in schools. November (received on the 20th December), is of opinion that moral training is indispensable to boys, and recommends the introduction of Munshi Kanhai Lal's *Bhāgbhari*, a moral treatise printed at Ludhiāna, into the schools in these provinces.

Circulation,
300 copies.

The *Nasim-t-Agra*, of the 15th December, states that the
 Acquittal of Muhammadan rioters at Agra. Muhammadans, who were prosecuted for committing riots during the late Muharram at Agra, have been acquitted.

Circulation,
350 copies.

The *Anwaru-t-Akhbar* (Lucknow), of the 11th December
 Expulsion of monkeys from towns. (received on the 18th idem), urges that measures should be adopted to expel monkeys from towns. They are a veritable nuisance and commit a great deal of mischief.

Circulation,
250 copies.

NATIVE STATES.

The *Mitra-Vilas* (Lahore), of the 15th December, com-
 Appointment of a Muhammadan Diwān and the introduction of the use of Urdu, Bikaner. plains that Captain Talbot, British Resident at Bikaner, has interfered with the internal affairs of that State in a most unjustifiable way. He has appointed an ordinary Musalmān, who was formerly employed at a mint, to the high office of Diwān or prime minister, and introduced the use of English and Urdu in place of Hindī. As the Chief himself and the bulk of his subjects are Hindūs and know only Hindī, the two measures of the Resident are very objectionable and call for the intervention of the Supreme Government.

Circulation,
270 copies.

POST-OFFICE AND RAILWAY.

The *Oudh Akhbar* (Lucknow), of the 20th December,
 Weight fixed for privileged newspapers. urges that the limit of weight fixed for privileged newspapers, which are charged postage at the reduced rate, should be raised to ten tolas. The present limit, being only three tolas, is too low and excludes some first-class native journals from the concession.

Circulation,
600 copies.

Circulation,
250 copies.

The *Bhāratendu* (Brindāban), for November (received on the 23rd December), urges the construction of a railway between Muttra and Brindāban. About two years ago Lord Ripon drew the attention of Seth Lakshman Dās of Muttra to the subject, but owing to some reason or other no attempt has yet been made to carry out the proposal. According to the estimates which were once prepared, the entire cost of the construction of the railway, including necessary buildings, would not exceed Rs. 2,32,000. The *Bhāratendu* gives some statistics showing the probable income and expenses of working the line, and estimates the income at Rs. 50,000 and the expenses at Rs. 16,076 a year.

The *Shafiq-i-Hind* (Lahore), of the 20th December, on the authority of its Batala correspondent, complains that the friends and relatives of passengers are not allowed to go to the railway platform to see them off, and urges that platform-tickets should be introduced to remedy the evil.

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Circulation,
700 copies.

The *Praydg Samāchār* (Allahabad), of the 22nd December, states that some time ago the subject of water-supply, Allahabad. seriously engaged the attention of the local Municipal Committee. Necessary surveys were made throughout the town, and it was generally expected that the scheme would soon be taken in hand. But unfortunately the scheme has been abandoned on the ground, it is rumoured, that the people are prejudiced against the use of that kind of water. Some ignorant persons may have such a prejudice, but it would be the height of unwisdom to give up such an important and useful reform on that account.

The same paper complains of the prevalence of crime at Allahabad. Lately a prostitute was killed and robbed of her jewellery at her house, and two persons, who had a joint license for the sale of country liquor, quarrelled with each other and one of them was killed by the other. Thefts are so frequent that the inhabitants of Ahiapur have found it necessary to engage the services of two private watchmen for the night. As the police constables are also on duty throughout the day, they cannot be expected to be on the *qui vive* at night. A child was again run over by an *ekka* at Sháhganj. *Ekka*-drivers have been repeatedly warned in vain against rash driving.

The *Bhārat Jīwan* (Benares), of the 22nd December, complains that the firing of the usual day and the evening gun has been lately discontinued at Benares, and that the people have no means of correcting their clocks and watches in consequence.

Circulation,
1,400 copies.

A correspondent of the *Mīhr-i-Nimroz* (Bijnor), of the 16th December, complains that the road between Bijnor and Muzaffarnagar is flooded to a large distance during the rains near Birla, there being a tank in the neighbourhood, and is practically closed to traffic during a great part of the year. The road should be raised at the place, and one or two bridges constructed, if necessary. The District Magistrate of Muzaffarnagar should see to this.

Circulation,
175 copies.

LIST OF PAPERS EXAMINED.

| No. | NAME. | LOCALITY. | LANGUAGE. | MONTHLY, WEEKLY, OR OTHERWISE. | NAME OF PUBLISHER. | DATE OF PAPER. | DATE OF RECEIPT. | CIRCULATION. |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | <i>Asbab-i-Hind</i> | Jullundur, | Urdé | Weekly | Barkat Ali | Dec. 20th | 1884. 21st | 150 copies. |
| 2 | <i>Asbab-i-Panjáb</i> | Lahore | Ditto | Tri-weekly, | Díwán Bátis Singh, | " 15th, 17th & 19th. | " 18th, 19th & 22nd res- pectively. | 500 " |
| 3 | <i>Ágrá Akhbár</i> | Ágrá | Ditto | Weekly | Khwájá Yásuf Ali, | " 14th & 21st | " 17th & 21st respectively. | 150 " |
| 4 | <i>Áin-i-Akhbár</i> | Morádábád | Ditto | Ditto | Díswar Ali | " 16th | " 19th | 145 " |
| 5 | <i>Akhbár-i-'Álam</i> | Meerut | Ditto | Ditto | Maqarab Husain Khán, | " " | " " | 80 " |
| 6 | <i>Akhbár-i-'Ám</i> | Lahore | Ditto | Bi-weekly | Munkund Rám | " 17th & 20th | " 20th & 23rd respectively. | 1,380 " |
| 7 | <i>Akhbár-i-Chunder</i> | Chunar | Ditto | Weekly | Munshi Handmán Prasád. | " 16th | " 18th | " " |
| 8 | <i>Akmal-i-Akhbár</i> | Delhi | Ditto | Ditto | Fakhr-i-dín | " 16th & 20th | " 21st | 290 copies (in- cluding 45 co- pies taken by Govt.). |
| 9 | <i>Aligarh Institute Gazette.</i> | Aligarh | Hindí-Urdé, | Bi-weekly | Galáb Rái | " " | " 18th & 22nd respectively. | 192 copies. |
| 10 | <i>Álmorá Akhbár</i> | Álmorá | Hindí | Weekly | Sadé Nand | " 15th | " 16th | 150 " |
| 11 | <i>Anjuman-i-Hind</i> | Lucknow, | Urdé | Ditto | Chandan Lal | " 13th | " " | 400 copies (in- cluding 200 copies taken by Govt.). |
| 12 | <i>Anjuman-i-Panjáb</i> | Lahore | Ditto | Ditto | Secretary to the An- juman-i-Panjáb | " 20th | " 23rd | 250 copies. |
| 13 | <i>Anwar-i-Akhbár</i> | Lucknow, | Ditto | Ditto | Tegh Bahádur | " 18th | " " | " " |

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| 14 | Arya Patra | Bareilly | Hindi-Urdû | Monthly | Secretary to the Arya Samâj. | For Dec. | 17th | 150 | " |
| 15 | Bhârat Bandha | Aligarh | Hindi-Eng-lish. | Weekly | Totâ Râm | Dec. 19th | 28rd | 110 | " |
| 16 | Bhâratbands | Brindâban, | Hindi | Monthly | Râdhâ Charan Goswâmi. | For Sep., Oct. & Nov. | " | 250 | " |
| 17 | Bhârat Jâvan | Banâras | Ditto | Weekly | Râm Krishn Varmâ | Dec. 22nd | 17th & 22nd | 1,400 | " |
| 18 | Dâdabâd-Quisâr | Bareilly | Urdû | Ditto | Thâkar Prasad | " 13th & 20th | respectively. | 300 | " |
| 19 | Dâdabâd-Sikandar | Bâmpur | Ditto | Ditto | Muhammad Husain, | " 15th | 18th | 453 | " |
| 20 | Dâdabâd-Mish | Bhâpâl | Ditto | Bi-monthly | Amjad Ali | " " | 17th | 225 | " |
| 21 | Dellâ Panch | Lahore | Ditto | Weekly | Fasle-i-dîn | " 17th | 20th | 331 | " |
| 22 | Gorakhdâ | Hoshiyâr-pôr. | Ditto | Ditto | Sindhi Khân Safi | " 10th & 17th | 22nd | 253 | " |
| 23 | Groves Gazette | Batând-shahr. | Ditto | Ditto | Gangâ Sahâi | " 14th | 18th | 40 | " |
| 24 | Gurukul Akshar | Amritsar | Gurmukhî | Ditto | Jhandâ Singh | " 10th | 22nd | 250 | " |
| 25 | Kant-i-Hind | Cawnpore, | Urdû | Ditto | Muhammad Nabî | " 18th | 20th | 613 | " |
| 26 | Hindustân | Lucknow, | Ditto | Tri-weekly | Ashraf. | " 17th, 19th & 21st. | 18th, 20th & 22nd respectively. | 600 | " |
| 27 | Jalân | Meerut | Ditto | Weekly | Muhammad Mir | " 14th | 30th | 230 | " |
| 28 | Jaipur Gazette | Jaipur | Hindi-Urdû | Bi-weekly | Mahâbîr Prasad | " 17th & 20th | 19th & 22nd | 150 | " |
| 29 | Karnâmah | Lucknow, | Urdû | Weekly | Muhammad Yâqûb, | " 15th | respectively. | 250 | " |
| 30 | Kashî Patrikâ | Banâras | Hindi-Urdû | Ditto | Lakshmi Shankar, | " 19th | 18th | 600 copies (including 324 copies taken by Govt.) | " |
| 31 | Kari Vachan Sudhâ | Ditto | Hindi | Ditto | Chintâmani Râo | " 15th | 17th | 350 copies. | " |
| 32 | Khair Khush-i-Afan | Delhi | Urdû | Ditto | Mîr Hasan | " 16th | 19th | 190 | " |
| 33 | Khair Khush-i-Jalân | Allahâbâd, | Ditto | Ditto | Muhammad Ismail, | " 15th | 17th | 300 | " |
| 34 | Khair Khush-i-Hind, | Delhi | Ditto | Ditto | Mahâ Nârâyan | " 16th | 19th | 160 | " |

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| 35 | Kah-i-Nar | ... Lahore ... | Urdu | Tri-weekly... | Harsukh Rai | 1884. Dec. 16th, 18th & 20th. | 1884. 19th, 21st & 22nd respectively. | 525 copies (including 50 copies taken by Govt.). |
| 36 | Lawrence Gazette | Meerut | Ditto | Weekly | Iqbal-i-din | 17th | 23rd | 130 |
| 37 | Mawdr Gazette | Jodhpur | Hindi-Urdu, | Ditto | Gobardhan Das | 15th | 19th | 90 |
| 38 | Mashr-i-Qaisar | Lucknow, | Urdu | Ditto | Ghulam Muhammad | 16th | 17th | 200 |
| 39 | Mata-i-Nar | Cawnpore, | Ditto | Ditto | Durgá Prasad | 13th | " | 30 |
| 40 | Mitr-i-Darakhshan, | Delhi | Ditto | Ditto | Nusrat Ali | 16th | 20th | 200 |
| 41 | Mitr-i-Nimroz | Bijnor | Ditto | Ditto | Muhbu-llah | " | 18th | 175 |
| 42 | Mirda-i-Hind | Lucknow, | Ditto | Monthly | Shyam Narayan | For Nov. | 20th | 300 |
| 43 | Mitra Vids | Lahore | Hindi | Weekly | Mukund Ram | Dec. 15th | 17th | 270 |
| 44 | Municipal Guide | Agra | Urdu | Bi-monthly, | Ali Jan | " | 21st | 75 |
| 45 | Naiyar-i-Asam | Moradabad, | Ditto | Weekly | Amjad Ali | " 9th | " | 175 |
| 46 | Najm-i-Abbar | Etawah | Ditto | Ditto | Rahu-llah Khan | " 16th | 19th | 163 |
| 47 | Nasim-i-Agra | Agra | Ditto | Ditto | Jamnâ Das | " 15th | 17th | 350 |
| 48 | Nasim-i-Hind | Fatehpur, | Ditto | Ditto | Kunj Bihari Lal | " 16th | 18th | 96 |
| 49 | Nasim-i-Sahar | Badaun | Ditto | Ditto | Imdas Ahmed | " 17th | 20th | " |
| 50 | Nasim-i-Mulk | Moradabad | Ditto | Ditto | Ihtisham-i-din | Nov. 29th | " | 110 |
| 51 | Nar Afshan | Ludhiana, | Ditto | Ditto | Rev. C. B. Newton | Dec. 18th | 17th | 775 |
| 52 | Nar-i-Badaun | Badaun | Ditto | Ditto | Amjad Husain | " | 20th | 300 |
| 53 | Nar-i-Abbar | Allahabad, | Ditto | Ditto | Roshan Lal | " 20th | 21st | 140 copies (including 48 copies taken by Govt.). |

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| 54 | Naru-i-Anwar | Cawnpore, | Ditto | Ditto | Muhammad Yaqub, | " | " | 20th | 375 copies. |
| 55 | Nusratu-l-Akbar | Delhi | Ditto | Ditto | Nusrat Ali | " | " | " | 200 " |
| 56 | Nyaya Sudha | Harda | Marathi-Eng-lish. | Ditto | Basudeva, Bhaskar, | " | " | " | 350 " |
| 57 | Oudh Akbar | Lucknow, | Urdu | Daily | Sheo Prasad | " | 17th to 23rd | 17th to 23rd | 605 copies (in-cluding 94 copies taken by Govt.) |
| 58 | Oudh Punch | Ditto | Ditto | Weekly | Sajjad Husain | " | 16th | 20th | 350 copies. |
| 59 | Panjab Akbar | Lahore | Ditto | Bi-weekly | Muhammad Asim, | " | 13th & 17th | 17th & 20th | 275 " |
| 60 | Paribla Akbar | Patiala | Ditto | Weekly | Din Muhammad | " | 15th | 18th | 363 " |
| 61 | Prady Samachar | Allahabad, | Hindi | Ditto | Dewaki Nandan | " | 22nd | 22nd | 700 " |
| 62 | Prince of Wales' Meerut | Meerut | Urdu | Ditto | Ganesh Lal | " | 20th | 21st | " |
| 63 | Quaint Akbar | Jullundur, | Ditto | Ditto | Ahmad Bekish | " | " | 22nd | 110 " |
| 64 | Rajya-i-Hind | Lahore | Ditto | Ditto | Muharram Ali | " | " | 21st | 400 " |
| 65 | Rakher-i-Hind | Ditto | Ditto | Bi-weekly | Nadir Ali Shah | " | 16th & 19th | 17th & 20th | 420 " |
| 66 | Rejoinder Gazette | Ajmere | Urdu-Hindi, | Weekly | Murid Ali | " | 15th | 17th | 160 " |
| 67 | Risalat-i-Hind | Cawnpore, | Hindi-Urdu, | Monthly | Ganga Prasad | " | For Nov. | 20th | 192 " |
| 68 | Rud-i-Banar | Lahore | Urdu | Ditto | Shiva Nath | " | For Dec. | 19th | 500 " |
| 69 | Reformer | Ditto | Ditto | Weekly | Pandit Hargopal | " | Dec. 17th | 20th | 700 " |
| 70 | Sahib-i-Karshala | Kanpur | Ditto | Ditto | Divan Mathura Das, | " | 18th | " | 150 " |
| 71 | Sahitya-i-Akbar | " | Ditto | Ditto | Dwarka Nath | " | 18th | 21st | 264 " |
| 72 | Safir-i-Hind | Delhi | Ditto | Bi-monthly, | Bulqaf Das | " | 16th | 19th | 300 " |
| 73 | Safir-i-Panjab | Hoshiyar- | Ditto | Weekly | Sindhi Khan Safi | " | 10th & 17th | 22nd | " |
| 74 | Sajjan Khat Sudha | Udaipur | Hindi | Ditto | Banahi Dhar | " | 15th | 21st | 215 " |
| 75 | Shafiq-i-Hind | Lahore | Urdu | Ditto | Saifu-l-Haq | " | 20th | 23rd | 100 " |
| 76 | Shahma-i-Hind | Meerut | Ditto | Bi-monthly, | Ahmad Hasan | " | " | " | " |

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| 77 | Sham-i-Oudh | Benares | Urdu | Bi-monthly | Kishan Prasad | Dec. 13th | 1884 | 300 |
| 78 | Shak-i-Tar | Cannore | Ditto | Weekly | Muhammad Irfan | Dec. 16th | " | 175 copies. |
| 79 | Sitar-i-Hind | Moradabad | Ditto | Ditto | Muhammad Ali | Dec. 17th & 18th | " | 100 |
| 80 | Sitar-i-Quhart | Bombay | Ditto | Ditto | Muhammad Ali | Dec. 17th & 18th | " | 70 |
| 81 | Talash | Moradabad | Ditto | Ditto | Rabat Ali Khan | Dec. 22nd | respectively. | 105 |
| 82 | Talash | Lucknow | Ditto | Ditto | Puran Chaud | Dec. 22nd | " | 125 |
| 83 | Talash-i-Hind | Moradabad | Ditto | Ditto | Mirza Husaid | Dec. 22nd | " | 198 |
| 84 | Talash-i-Hind | Sikot | Ditto | Ditto | Mirza Husaid | Dec. 22nd | " | 200 |
| 85 | Victoria Paper | Ditto | Ditto | Daily | Gyan Chand | Dec. 22nd | " | 300 |
| 86 | Wagda-i-Azam | Gharipur | Ditto | Weekly | Siraj-ul-din Ahmed | Dec. 22nd | " | 300 |

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